

Wichita Police Department Technical Services Bureau

New CSI Hired

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Mr. Bob Sanderson has been hired to fill the vacant Crime Scene Investigator position on Third Shift. Mr. Sanderson was previously a Crime Scene Supervisor with the Wichita Police Department from 1994 until 2001. After leaving the WPD Mr. Sanderson was the Chief of Police for the City of

Pleasanton, Kansas, and is currently employed with the Department of Defense as a Lead Detective with the Security Police at McConnell Air Force Base. Prior to coming to work for the WPD in 1994 Mr. Sanderson spent twenty years in law enforcement with the U.S. Air Force. He held positions of patrolman, investigator, instructor, supervisor, quality control evaluator, manager, and inspector. Mr. Sanderson brings a wealth of experience to the WPD and will be a valuable asset not only to the Technical Services Bureau, but the entire Department. Mr. Sanderson will initially start working on First Shift on July 10th and will move to Third Shift after completing his orientation and brief training

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CSI Rodivich Attends 10-Week Forensic Training



Crime Scene Investigator Cory Rodivich was selected to attend a ten-week training program at the National Forensic Academy at the University of Tennessee. The program is the considered to be the top forensic science-training program in the country. The course provides more than 400 hours of training in many different types of criminal investigations. Training at the infamous "Body Farm" is included in the program. Investigator Rodivich will return from the training on July 14th.

Employee of the Month Awards



Jamal Bara was selected as the employee of the month for March. Jamal was selected for the time she spent she spent preparing for the Crime Scene Supervisor promotional process and for her promotion to the position of Crime Scene Supervisor.



Andrew Maul was selected as the employee of the month for April. Investigator Maul was the first to arrive on the scene of a multi-car injury accident at Kellogg and Maize Road and assisted the victims of the accident.



Jerry Ogburn was selected as the May employee of the month. In his position as Photo Tech Jerry has been instrumental in making sure that there is no backlog of film. In his short time in the **Photographic Section** Jerry has brought in new ideas and a knowledge of the equipment that will ensure film is processed in the most efficient manner

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New AFIS Computer Scheduled For Late 2006

The Wichita Police Department's Technical Services Bureau Latent Print section will receive a new Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS) computer from the KBI later in 2006. The KBI is replacing all of the AFIS computers in the state with a newer system. The new system will provide the ability to search fingerprint databases in Kansas and in the surrounding states. Currently only the Kansas database can be searched. The new system will also give the examiners the ability to upload digital images of latent prints directly into AFIS without a need to print photographs of the latent print for comparison. The system will also have capabilities to expand beyond comparing latent fingerprints. One possibility will be the identification of a person in custody through one fingerprint. This system could be expanded to having hardware in a patrol car to identify an individual who is not giving an officer their real name.

P&E Drugs Destroyed

On March 24th over 500 packages of illegal drugs were purged from Property and Evidence and destroyed. The destruction of drugs routinely takes place after Officers and Detectives have purged 500 packages. Beginning in late 2005 the Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Team has assisted in destroying the drugs. Hazards associated with moldy marijuana have been identified and a request was made to the Special Investigations Bureau for assistance in destroying marijuana. A decision was made that the Clandestine Laboratory Enforcement Team will assist in the destruction of all drugs, not just marijuana. Each package of drugs that are purged from Property and Evidence are opened and non-drug items are removed from the packages. The drugs are removed from the packages and placed in large bags that are transported to a local incinerator where the drugs are destroyed.



Detective Todd Porter shows some of the drugs being destroyed.



Property and Evidence Supervisor JoEtta Richardson hands over more packages of drugs to be opened by the Clandestine



Detectives Trollope and Porter open packages of drugs to verify the contents and remove non-drug material.

Quarterly Vehicle Auctions Held in May

The quarterly P&E vehicle auctions were conducted on April 25th and 26th. Auctions were conducted at several tow lots and a total of \$81,870 was taken in from the auction. Five percent of the revenue goes to the Police Department. An additional \$660 was received for affidavit titles and this money goes to the Police Benefit Fund.

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BTK Swabs Destroyed

On May 30th 1300 swabs associated with the BTK investigation were destroyed at the Range. Members of the Bomb Squad destroyed the swabs in the ammunition burner.



Lt. Ken Landwehr load swabs in to the incinerator at the Range.



BTK DNA swabs burn in the incinerator.

Digital Photography for Patrol Officers

Studies are currently underway to determine if digital photography can be implemented for Patrol Officers. Currently film cameras are used by Patrol Officers to photograph minor crime scenes and injuries to victims. The method of using film is expensive and requires the Officer to correctly complete the film slip to ensure that the negatives can be identified with a particular incident. This has been a concern over the years as film slips are not always completed and photographs needed for court are not available. With digital photography the Officer will be required to upload the images that they take into Laserfiche. This will immediately attach the images to a specific case and will allow those with privileges to view the images immediately. Also, since the images will have a date attached to them any images not uploaded will still be able to be tied to an Officer by the time and date that the image was captured.

At this time the hold-up to go digital is the ability for the Officer to upload images. A PC must be used to upload images and the sub-stations have Thin Client's, which cannot be used. Testing will start on using the MCT's to upload images. This will require the Officer to be in a hot spot to upload the images. We will keep you advised on the progress of this testing.

Crime Scene Investigators Provide DNA Training

Crime Scene Supervisor Patric Cunningham and Crime Scene Investigator Cory Rodivich have been certified to provide DNA training to law enforcement agencies. Both individuals attended a Train-the-Training course sponsored by the Illinois Regional Community Policing Training Institute after Dr. Andi Bannister at Wichita State University recommended them both. Cunningham and Rodivich have given classes to law enforcement agencies throughout Kansas and Nebraska in 2006.

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WPD Technical Services Bureau Members Attend FBI Training

CSI Heather Williams recently returned from the Police Photography class at the Federal Bureau of Investigation Training Academy located in Quantico, Virginia. The FBI offers training to police departments around the world. Classes include processing and photographing crime scenes, latent print photography, and digital imaging. Crime Scene Supervisor Jamal Bara will be attending the FBI Academy course on Latent Print Photography from June 12-23.

Did You Know

Several members of the Technical Services Bureau have a vast amount of law enforcement experience prior to coming to work as Crime Scene Investigators. The following individuals possess previous experience:

Crime Scene Supervisor Patric Cunningham Crime Scene Investigator Greg Burge Crime Scene Investigator Colleen Jensen Crime Scene Investigator Eugene Jacobs

Crime Scene Investigator Andrew Maul Technical Services Bureau Director Scott Pike 20-years commissioned law enforcement officer

20-years military security 20-years military police

22-years military police and 2-years commissioned law enforcement officer

2-years commissioned law enforcement officer 7-years commissioned law enforcement officer